

AVANTI  
Issue #1

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After a long wait, the game is finally filled. A few of the more obseurant ones of you may have noticed that this is reproduced by photocopy rather than carbon copy. I have access to a copier, and it's a hell of a lot easier than typing up carbon copies.

Some of you might be wondering what country you are, if so:

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ENGLAND: Dan Bedrosian; PO Box 185; Manchester, MI 48158

FRANCE: Bob Matthews; RR#1; Ludington, MI 49431

GERMANY: Gregory Johnson; 151 Grove; Highland Park, MI 48203

ITALY: Dale Zahm; 9664 Hazelton; Detroit, MI 48239

RUSSIA: Herb Barents; 157 State St.; Zeeland, MI 49464

TURKEY: Dean Schwass; RR#1; Ludington, MI 49431

The Spring 1901 moves are due March 2, 1973 by phone, \* mail, in person or whatever.

If you call me, call after 7PM MON-SAT and all day Sunday to get me without any confusion. (313) 862-2820.

The House Rules:

1. All moves should have the game number (A-1XX for now), country, season and year, and signature.
2. If you miss a move, all units will hold in civil disorder and a stand-by player will send in the next move for your country. If you miss the next move, the standby will replace you.
3. You may send in press releases, but because of space limitations, it may be delayed.

Also, the missed move could be rid of completely if Herb, Dean, and Bob agreed to being called collect if their moves haven't arrived on the day of the deadline. I will call the Detroit area people because those calls are fairly local.

If you are going to be in Detroit on the 17th of February, there is going to be a meeting of Intrest Group Highland Park(IGHIP) at 3rd and Pitkin in a big green building in Highland Park. If you are there, you can stab your GM at Diplomacy.

One more thing, I'M going to drop the SASE bit and just ask you people to get some 8¢ stamps in.

## RUSSIA AND ITALY INVADEN AUSTRIA!

AUSTRIA(DeBol): A Bud-Ser; A Vie(H); F Tri-Alb  
ENGLAND(Bedrosian): A Liv-Edi; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nwg  
FRANCE(Matthews): A Par-Bur; A Mar(S) A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid  
GERMANY(Johnson): A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; F Kie-Den  
ITALY(Zahm): A Ven-Tyo; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion  
RUSSIA(Barents): A Mos-Ukr; A War-Gal; F Sev-Rum; F StP sc-Bot  
TURKEY(Schwass): A Con-Bul; A Smy-Ank; F Ank-Con .

Fall 1901 moves are due March 20, 1973. As you can see, I'm cutting deadlines a little. Deadlines for Spring and Fall moves will be two weeks starting next year. Winter moves will have one week deadlines.

Last issue I forgot to list the phone numbers. Here they are:

A: (313)868-2288  
E: (313)428-8591  
F: (616)843-4495  
G: (313)862-4327  
I: (313)532-5487  
R: (616)772-2838  
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## More House Rules:

4. Abbreviations used. Hold-(H); Support-~~XX~~ (S); Convoy-(C); Dislodged-(D); Annihilated-(A); Retreat-(R); Build-(B); Disband-(E); North Sea-Nth; Norway-Nwy; Norwegian Sea-Nwg; Liverpool-Liv; Livonia-Lvo; Gulf of Bothnia-Bot; North Atlantic-NAT; Mid Atlantic-Mid; North Africa-NAf; Western Mediterranean-WMed; Eastern Mediterranean-EMed; Gulf of Lyon-Lyo; Tyrrhenian Sea-Tyr; Tyrolia-Tyo. Have I left any questionable abbreviations out?

Well, that's about all for this issue. Oh yeah, I'm going to ~~x~~ open another game. Same price and an 8¢ stamp with each move. Also, I require a country preference list. One more thing(more?), notice that this game has a boardman number, 1973W. Use this when you send in your moves.

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AVANTI  
Issue #3

March 20, 1973

F'01

FUNNY THINGS HAPPENING  
IN BALKENS AND LOWLANDS

AUSTRIA: F Alb-Gre; A Ser(S) RUSSIAN F Rum-Bul; A Vie-Bud  
ENGLAND: F Nwg-Nwy; F Nth(C) A Edi-Hol; A Edi-Hol  
FRANCE: F Mid-Por; A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Bel  
GERMANY: F Den(H); A Kie-Hol; A Ruh-Bel  
ITALY: F Ion-Tun; A Ven-Tri; A Tyo(S) A Ven-Tri  
RUSSIA: F Bot-Swe; F Rum-Bulec; A Gal-Bud; A Ukr-Rum  
TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; A Bul-Gre(D/A); A Ank-Con

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA: Bud; Vie; Ser.....3 EVEN  
ENGLAND: HOME; Nwy.....4 (B)1  
FRANCE: HOME; Por; Spa.....5 (B)2  
GERMANY: HOME; Den.....4 (B)1  
ITALY: HOME; Tri; Tun.....5 (B)2  
RUSSIA: HOME; Bul; Rum; Swe...7 (B)3  
TURKEY: HOME.....3 (B)1 (A Bul annihilated in F'01)  
NEUTRAL: Bel; Gre; Hol.....3

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The W'01 builds are due March ~~20~~. In case I didn't mention it before; in the supply center chart, an underlined province is one that is gained, a province with slashes through it is lost.

PRESS:

Moscow: Czar Nicky I, today announced that it is Russia vs. the world. "They have cut off all contact with us, we'll show them what we are made of!" said Nicky.

Zurich(AVANTI): The World Surgeon General today announced that Russia is hazardous to your health. If you have the following symptoms, report to the nearest hospital immediatly: little red holes with red stuff oozing out of them and pain in the general area of the holes. Failure to get medication results in loss of blood,limbs, heads, lives, etc. Also, the disease has spread to Bulgaria, Rumania, and Sweden. Avoid these areas.

On March 31st, there is going to be a Diplomacy convention on the MSU campus. If you want any info, I will be able to dig some up for you. I plan on attending, assuming I can get some transportation. My second game has six, only needs one more.

Richard,

Here is a copy of AVANTI.

Bill Thomas

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Issue #4

April 2, 1973

1973W W'01

AUSTRIA: No Builds. Has F Alb; A Vie; A Ser.  
ENGLAND: (B) F Lon. Has F Nwy; F Nth; A Edi  
FRANCE: (B) A Par; (B) A Bre. Has F For; A Bur; A Spa.  
GERMANY: (B) A Mun. Has F Den; A Kie; A Ruh.  
ITALY: (B) F Nap; (B) A Ven. Has F Tun; A Tyo; A Tri.  
RUSSIA: (B) F Sev; (B) A Nos; (B) A War. Has F Bulec; F Swe; A Gal; A Rum.  
TURKEY: (B) F Ank. Has F Aeg; A Con.

The S'02 moves are due April 18.

PRESS:

Moscow: Fiddle di. Fiddle dam. What have I done? Austria is redder than ever.  
Turkey is yellow, oh never. England is true blue. Germany, how are you?  
France, your a devil in disguise. Italy, your just a wise guy.  
Zurich(AVANTI) Roses are red. Violets are blue. Ya better watch out or  
Herbie'll get you to.

My 2nd and for the time being my last game has been filled. The players:

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ENGLAND: Jeffrie van Steele; 207 Louise; Highland Park, MI 48203;  
(313) 345-5205.  
FRANCE: Gregory Johnson; 151 Grove; Highland Park, MI 48203; (313) 862-4327.  
GERMANY: Dale Zahm; 9664 Hazelton; Redford Twp., MI 48239; (313) 532-5487.  
ITALY: Bob Matthews; RR#1; Ludington, MI 49431; (616) 843-4495.  
RUSSIA: Dennis DeBol; 165 Rhode Island; Highland Park, MI 48203;  
(313) 868-2288.  
TURKEY: Ron Zahm; 9664 Hazelton; Redford Twp., MI 48239; (313) 532-5487.

I imagine that it is pretty unusual to have a couple of brothers in a game,  
but I know both of them, and if they get a chance, they will probably be  
enemies. The S'01 moves are due April 25. All moves should have the  
game designation(A-11 for now), country, player, and season and should be  
signed. If a player misses two consecutive moves he is dropped from the  
game.

Conrad, would you please assign a number for this game?

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April 20, 1973

S'02

# AUSTRIA LOSES LAST HOME CENTERS

AUSTRIA: F Alb-Gre; A Ser (S) F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Tri(D, retreats to Boh).

ENGLAND: F Lon-Nth; F Nwy-Ska; F Nth-Hel; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE: F Por-Spasc; A Bur-Bel; A Bre-Iic; A Par-Bur; A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY: F Den-Swe; A Kie-Hol; A Ruh(S) A Kie-Hol.

ITALY: F Tun-Ion; A Nap-Apu; A Tyo-Vie; A Tri(S) A Tyo-Vie; A Ven(S) A Tri.

RUSSIA: F Swe(H); F Sev-Arm; F Bulec-Con; A War-Gal; A Mos-Sev; A Gal-Bud;  
" Rum(S) A Gal-Bud.

TURKEY: NBR. F's Aeg and Ank(H); A Con(H).

I know Dean Schwass pretty well, so I can safely say that he wont miss the next move. The deadline for the F'02 moves ~~XX~~ is May 11. This gives some extra time and allows this game and the other one to be sent out together. The typing this issue ~~XXXX~~ isn't ~~XXXX~~ very good because I'm exhausted. This issue will also be small due to the lack of press and things to say. Good, I'm done.

1973BJ

AVANTI  
Issue #5b

April 25, 1973

S'01

SITUATION TENSE ON EASTERN FRONT AS RUSSIA  
AND ITALY MOVE INTO AUSTRIAN TERRITORY

AUSTRIA: F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser.  
ENGLAND: F Edi-Nwg; F Lon-Nth; A Liv-Edi.  
FRANCE: F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar-Spa.  
GERMANY: F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Rub.  
ITALY: F Nap-Ion; A Ven-Tyo; A Rom-Ven.  
RUSSIA: F Sev-Bla; F StFsc-Bot; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr.  
TURKEY: F Ank-Con; A Con-Bul; A Smy-Ank.

Observe that this game now has an officially assigned game number; 1973BJ. The F'02 moves are due May 11. Starting next issue, both games will be together. I can't imagine what I had to say in previous issues to fill space; maybe there was some press. Rather than to nothing as in the sub-issue for 73W, I will give an account of what I did at the last IGRIF meeting.

Dan Bedrosian, up from Manchester, and I went to the big, ugly green building with the expectation of a good game of Diplomacy. Not so, we got involved in a naval miniatures battle between four American battleships and five destroyers against three Japanese battleships, the Yamato being one, and three cruisers and one destroyer. I had one of the Japanese cruisers and the destroyer. The battle started with both fleets steaming toward each other with scattered long range firing with no results. When the Americans came within effective range, we started picking off their destroyers one by one. About the time the Americans were down to two destroyers, we decided to launch about 60 long lance torpedoes. The battle was over after the torpedoes did considerable damage, but we played it out until every American ship was sunk and one Japanese cruiser was sunk, the Atago's magazine blew up. I with the Mogami blew up one destroyer and Dan with the battleship Haruna, blew up two destroyers and participated in the destruction of all four American battleships. In case you're interested, the rules used were the Victory at Sea rules.

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May 29, 1973

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AUSTRIA: (B) A Buc.  
ENGLAND: (B) F Ldi; F Lon.  
FRANCE: (L) F Mar.  
GERMANY: (B) A Hol; F Den; A Mun(R) kie.  
ITALY: A Vie(R) Boh.  
TURKEY: (B) A Smy.

The S'03 orders are due June 14.

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ENGLAND: (B) F Lon.  
FRANCE: (B) F Mar; F Bre; A Far.  
GERMANY: (B) A Ber.  
ITALY: (B) A Rom.  
RUSSIA: (B) A StP; A War.  
TURKEY: (B) F Smy.

The S'02 orders are due June 14.

I will be on vacation from June 18 to approx. July 10 and will not be able to be reached during that time. Because of this, I of course will not be able to continue my activities until then which means a month deadline next time. In case you're wondering, the multi-commander Strategy I game lasted two game turns and was a lot of fun. You're GM, as Axis naval commander in the confusion, left some transports unescorted and out at sea to be torpedoed. Such is life. During those two turns, The Axis crushed France, but it looked like the Russians might do pretty good despite their inferior ability.

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June 16, 1973

73W S'03

GERMANY OVERTURN AS BALKANS REMAIN FLOOD

AUSTRIA: F Gre(S) A Ser-Bul; A Ser-Bul; A Bud-Tri; A Mun-Boh.  
ENGLAND: F Hol-Kie; F Nth-Nwy; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nwg; F Den(S) F Hol-Kie;  
A Hol(S) FRENCH A Bel-Ruh.  
FRANCE: F Mar-Lyo; F Spasc-WMed; A Bur-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Pic-Bur; A Gas-Mar.  
GERMANY: MIA A Ruh(H)(D/A); A Kie(H)(D/A).  
ITALY: F Ion(H); F Adr(S) A Tri; A Tri(S) A Boh-Bie; A Boh-Vie; A Ven-Tyo.  
RUSSIA: F Arm-Bla(D/A); F Bla-Bulcc; F Swe-Bal; A Sev-Arm; A Rum(S) F Bla-Bulec;  
A Gal-Bud; A Vie(S) A Gal-Bud.  
TURKEY: F Bulcc-Gre; F Ank-Arm; A Smy(S) F Ank-Arm; A Con-Bul.

So ends Germany. The F'03 moves are due July 16.

73BJ S'02

RUSSIAN NAVY AND ARMY FIGHT OVER FINLAND.

AUSTRIA: F Alp-Ion; A Bud-Tri(D/A-Vie); A Ven-Apu.  
ENGLAND: F Lon-Ith; F Nth-Den; F Hwg-Bar; A Nwy(H).  
FRANCE: MIA F's Spasc, Nar, Bre(H); A's Por, Par, Mun(H)(D/A).  
GERMANY: F Hol(S) A Kie; A Bel-Pic; A Kie(S) A Ber-Mun; A Ber-Mun.  
ITALY: F Tun-Ion; A Vie-Tri; A Tyo(S) A Bie-Tri; A Rom(H).  
RUSSIA: F Wse-Fin; F Bla-Con; A Stp\*Fin; A Rum-Bud; A Gal(S) A Rum-Bud; A War-Sil.  
TURKEY: F Aeg-Gre; F Smy-EMed; A Bul-Ser; A Ank(H).

The F'03 moves are due July 16. For those in the Detroit area, John Coleman, 837 Jos. Janisse, Windsor, Ont. CANADA N84 3A7 is going to run a telephone game. Players negotiate by mail, call in their moves and are sent the results. The cost is \$3.00 and has one week deadlines so should be pretty fast. I know that he already has three Windsörites so lets even things up a bit.